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### SERIOUS CRITICISM MERITS AN ANSWER

TWO RECENT actions by national newspaper groups indicate that the press is reluctant to examine issist critically, while control is the contr

Walter M. Harrison of Oklahoma City.

Just a few days earlier, the executive counell of Sigma Delta Chia, professional Journalistic fraternity, approved a report by a
special committee asying "it is not feasible" to
examine the fairness of coverage of the
1995 campaign. Only one member of the committee—Barry Bingham of the Louretile

Science Monitor, Eric Sevareid of CBS, and others.

A free press, zealous of its constitutional protection and alert to the responsibilities to report public events fairly and accurately, should have no fear of honest analysis and evaluation. Refusal to admit even to the possibility of error does not build public confi-dence in an institution fashioned by human beings, and hence subject to the frailties and fallibilities of human nature.

## FREEDOM, FAME AND FIFTY GRAND

ABOUT ANY WAY you look at it, Gen. Mark Clark's offer of \$50,000 and political asylum to any Red flier who delivers a to to the Allies, with double that amount for the first man over, is different, dramatic and, we think, a sound piece of psychological arfare.

If there are takers, the Allies will get some

If there are takers, the Allies will get some hot enemy airplanes at bargain rates for our engineers to study. The propaganda effect will be good, too—after the boys back in the squadron north of the Yalu bear a departed colleague telling them about life south of the battle line and the feel of 50 grand, more Red pilots might come down. Even if no Red pilots take up the offer, it still should serve a useful purpose in creating anaption, at no charge, among Red pilots, on the charge, among Red pilots, on a biff tailly surprelable wire men. Ave pilot on abilitially surprelable wire men. Ave pilot

Flight leaders will have to keep a close eye on politically unreliable wing men. Any pilot deemed likely to accept cold capitalistic cash might have to be sent back from the front. The only drawback we see is this Some fantic Red airman may deedle he would rather be a posthumous Hero of the Soviet Union than a live and financially well off expatriate. He could follow the prescribed route to Kimpo airfield, then suddenly dive into a row of planes on the ground, kamikare fashion, or drop a bomb and take his chances of being clobbered by airborne Allied air-craft.

That, we suppose, is what the military calls a calculated risk. With \$50,000, freedom and fame as the alternative, most Red pilots who fly the route—if any do—will probably decide to set down peaceably.

## **PROGRESS**

TWO YEARS AGO, when the Daughters of the American Revolution were holding annual convention in Washington, as is their custom, one of the 2,000 laddes assembled voted against the annual DAR resolutions condemning world government, the U. N., internationalism, etc.

This year, when the Daughters convened, as many as a dozen of the ladies voted against these anti-resolutions, and some made vigorous verbal defenses, from the floor, of the U. N., free trade and the like.

One of the delegates scathed her 2,400 sisters for endorsing the Bricker amendment. Another spoke out against the DAR's en-dorsement of an income tax limitation.

We commend these ladies of the minority who are the true revolutionaries among the Daughters of the American Revolution. May their tribe increase until some day the DAR brings itself face to face with the twentieth

## A THOROUGHLY SILLY EXHIBITION

WHEN ex-Covernor Scott tried to fire his was satisfied before his was satisfied by the sati

Whatever Scott's reasons for trying to fire Coltrane, or his right to do so, the decision not to accept the pay was Coltrane's. The

checks have been in Auditor Bridges' office all along, and Coltrane could have picked them up at any time after Governor Umstead put him back jo work. With an air of injured dignity that did not

With an air of injured dignity that did not become him. Coltrame stood alord until the General Assembly, in an official act, made an errand boy of the State Auditor.

It was a thoroughly silly exhibition by the General Assembly which, in trying to slap at Scott, just made itself ridiculous. The man who proposed an amendment appropriating \$25 to buy a silver platter "on which the checks are to be delivered" saw the thing in the right perspective.

## A CHANGE OF EDITORSHIP

TO THOSE of us who toll in the hinter-inglands, the editorial page of The Wash-ington Port is one of the more dependable and provocative references about national and international affairs. Close to the men who make government policy, with sources of information not available to newspapers outside the capital city, Post editorials usually

outside the capital city, Post, editorials usually have an extra dimension that gives added depth and perspective to comment on front page news dispatches.

Since 1940, The Post derival page has been directed by Herbert Elilaton, Pullitær prizewinner and recognized expert on foreign affairs. Victim of a heart attack last year, Elliston has now resigned to become a contributing editor, and the manthe of re-

sponsibility has fallen on 34-year-old Robert H. Estabrook.

Tar Heel editorial writers who heard Estabrook at the Chapel Hill conference two years ago sized him up as a young man of exceptional intelligence, with a challenging philosophy of editorial ethics and responsibilities. He has been writing editorials for The Post since 1946.

The Post since 1948.

In making our manners to Elliston, under whose direction The Washington Post has become one of the great independent-liberal newspapers of the nation, and to his young and talented successor, we voice our admiration for the stimulating, honest and courageous product they have given the journalistic world.

## From The Wall Street Journal

## THE GOOSE GOES HOME

THERE is a footloose song with a refrain THERE is a footloose song with a refrain id. to it about going where the wild goose goes and though the song doesn't say anything about it, the governments of Canada and Connecticut know what to do about a goose that can't go.

First there is a friendly little international Incident made of it and then an mincible settlement and it all ends up with the goose, which really is a gander, going North in an airplane and thus faster than any goose ever flew before.

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an airpine and thus latter than any goose ever flew before.

The goose first reached fame when an efficial of the Wild Life Restoration Foundation reported he had seen two geese try unsuccessfully to help a third one take off from a Connecticut cove as the flock started its Northward flight. The third goose couldn't get airborne because his rudder arrangement had been changed, probably by a bunter who shot behind him. So he stayed in the coves shout Greenwich and the people named him Hard-A-Lee because his tail feather disarrangement made him swim in something of a circle, like a bost with a stuck tiller.

mething or a case, uck tiller.
When the Canadians heard about this, they included for their goose. They started negotiacons with Governor Lodge, and after the roper amount of protocol the Governor urned the goose over to Candidan Consultemeral Lawson who promptly named him

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Winnie, after the man even Aneurin Bevan doesn't dare call a goose, and shipped him home.

Most will admit it's a pleasant little story, but some will say so whall Well, the moral is that there is between Canada and the United States an understanding that leaves borders unsoldiered and yet can consider the case of a grounded goose. The issue wasn't about who owned the goose, but about what was best for the goose; whether it was better for the goose to get him back to his own kind or to keep him until he was able to dity alone. When it was understood both could be done that is what was done.

It would be useless to tell this story in the tents at Pammunjom because totalitarian nations do not even understand why we necotate like we do about people. Understanding comes only after agreement, of values, whether they have to do with human livers or human liberties or just what is best for a goose.

An exhibition baseball game is about like playing draw poker for matches,—Elizabeth-town (Ky.) News.

If you've got a fliquor in your tiquor Stay away from kiquor liquor Nothing will make you siquor quiquor— Kingsport (Tens.) Timez.

'And Some Of Those Countries Aren't American At All'



Wilson Wants Him, Ike In Doubt

# Radford Boomed As JCS Chief

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

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bower's doubts will finally prevail:

Wilson has wanted Radford for Chairman of the Joint Chiefs ever ration trip to Korea. When the ration trip to Korea. When the Radford met them at Pearl Harbor. He so much impressed him for the chairmanisp of the Joint Chiefs then and there, withou further ado.

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Secretary Wilson's support it must be added that the appoint in the support of th

ford has always stood for hither-to. Since the Admiral is a man who fights for his view tyfe his ast ditch, it can be seen why the Pri ident has hestlated to ap-prove Secretary Wilson's proposal. The Air Force, where Admiral Radford's stand on the 13-8 is moving heaven and earth to block his nomination. If Admiral Radford is not

moving heaven and earth to block homistances in many other ways, for home the possibilities are reported to be Gen. After Green ported to be Gen. After Green Carl Spaatz. Secretary of the Air Force Harold Talbott has claimed the chairmanship of the Joint Chiefs for the air branch, and has staken the position that General Spaatz should be called Anderson the control of the Air Spaatz should be called Anderson the Control of the Air Spaatz should be called Anderson the Control of the Air Spaatz should be called Air Spaatz should b

Noncheless, Admiral Radford is the best bet because of the strength and determination of Secretary Wilson's support. It must be added that the appoint-ment, if it goes through, can be counted on to influence American policy in all sorts of significant ways.

## Founding Fathers Also Argued **Over Treaty-Making Powers**

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY

A young nation's treaty troubles figured importantly in the writing of the Constitution.

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## Press Should Search Its Soul And Combat Timid Conformity

By MARQUIS CHILDS

This press in America is doing some healthy soul-searching these days as a consequence of at-tacks that have come from various directions. It began with the teampaign last Fall that this country had a two-party political system but a one-party press. The same kind of charge has come from other quarters. The come from other quarters. The chower Administration is the beneficiary of a perpetual be-kind-order. A Tail, from the other side of the commentators and analysts of being "anti-Republican."

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Both the editors and the publishers at their recent sessions talked about these accusations. While no definitive weighing and measuring of the impartiality and integrity of the press is possible, a frank and detailed examination of some and detailed examination of some of the specific charges might have been useful. A study of the coverage of the last campaign could have provided the kind of critical self-examination that every institution of a free society must have if it is to be vital and alive.

THE BUSINESS ANGLE

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One important fact about the press the public too often overlooks. It is an institution with a great public responsibility. But mewspapers are also businesses with the question of profit or loss necessarily in the foreground since their survival depends on solvency.

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The investment of pre-Revolutionary times, when such heroes of a free press as Peter Zenger defield the dictates of tyranny, was small. A man with little capital but a deep desire to utter what abe believed to be the truth could manage to get a hand press and let has fellow citizens know his thoughts.

thoughts.

Today the investment is very great and costs have been pushed upward by the inflationary spiral as high as in any industry. Moreover, most publishers have no control over the primary raw material of their business, newsprint. The Canadian suppliers, with an iron grip on the m ket, have re-

WASHINGTON

peatelly upped the price since the rend of the war. The pressure of in rend of the war. The pressure of in rend of the war. The pressure of in rend of the war. The produced a reaction in tension and resentment.

This is one reason for the nar rowing of the circle around the area of free and dissenting opinion Demagogic attacks have been stitution of a free press. See several times tried to intimidate advertisers from placing advertisers from latent grant and the Milwaukes Journal. Increasingly, such pressures are

attack against Time magazine and the Milwauker Journal.

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## BROWN'S CONCERN

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Happily, reponsible leaders in the press are making this their spectial concern. Speaking last January and the press are making last language and the Providence Journal-Bulletin, defined the relationship of the newspaper to the "right to be newspaper to the newspaper to the providence of the presenting the normal times. Of the vital disaster, the newspaper to the present the newspaper to the present the newspaper to the present the newspaper to the news

## Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

FOR years it has been a White House custom to publish the names of Presidential callers. This is done on the theory that the American people have a right to know who talks to or tries to influence the However, the White House has declined to make public the solfting partners of the President—except for an occasional Sensitive processing partners would be hounded by independent of the president of the president of the president of the president through his golfting partners.

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o have such top Republicans as Dewey
and Taft. However. Burning Tree Golder
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il the arguments of the railrosid sagainst
the Seaway. Wiley, who used to be council
or the Milwacke Railroad when Fairly

was counsel for the Northwestern, recog-nized the arguments immediately. Wiley is a stanch advocate of the project which would connect the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean. Uninfluenced by the President, he proceeded with his St. Law-rence hearings. Later the President changed his mind. He did not do so, however, until after the news leaked of his yisit with persuasive

### Hostile Tidelands Mail

E ISENHOWER Senators aren't saying so publicly but some of them are not at all happy about the tidelands oil policy of their Administration.

their Administration.

The mail of Sen. Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts, for instance, is running 200 to 1 against him because of his support for tidelands oil. Massachusetts. of course, has nothing to gain for giving the \$300,000.000 offshore oil wealth to Texas, California and Louisian, and the volince public in and Louisian, and they online public in become pretty well educated by the Senate fill-buster.

a lot of these non-oil states has become pretty well educated by the Senate fill-buster.

Another things worrying some Eisenhow-er Senators is the President's failure to support his own Cabinet members regard-ing the extent of the tidelands oil conces-

sion.

Both Secretary of State Dulles and At-torney General Brownell were emphatic in Congressional testimony that the three tide-

Public Should Know Ike's Golf Partners

### Giveaway Administration

A NOTHER problem worrying Republicans
A is the new trademark which the Democrats are cleverly conspiring to\_pin on Re's Administration—namely "the give-away administration".

Democratic leaders are already preparing a list of so-called "give-aways" upon which they will ring all the changes. Here are some of them.

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Synthetic rubber plants.—These were built
at a cost of millions of dollars after Japan
cut off rubber from the Malays and Indonesia. Now. with the Communists staging a
new drive into French Indo-China on the
borders of this same rubber area, the Administration is insisting on selling these
rubber factories for about 15 cents on the
dollar.

Synthetic oil-from-coal plant—This ex-perimental laboratory at Louisiana, Mo., for making oil out of coal, cost the govern-ment \$75,000,000. However, the oil lobbies

are opposed. and secretary of the Interior McKay plans to sell it to private industry McKay plans to sell it to private industry. Tidelands sil-Revenue from this wealthy oil area would bring several millions annually into the Treasury, help balance the budget. Democrats plan to list the heavy oil-company equifibitions to like's campaign to the self-balance to show that this is a political payoff carefully and the self-balance to show that this is a political payoff and the self-balance western Senators are already talking about giving the public landsheld by the federal government to each budget and shallow the self-balance western to each self-balance with the self-balance was a self-balance with the self-balance was a self-balance with the self-balance will be shown by the Democrats as a move to benefit the wealthy few who can afford game-hunting serverations.

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Fower dams—This may turn out to be the biggest girewawy of all. If the plan goes through to turn government power over to private utilities, Democrats will show that the billions of dollars invested benefit the private utilities. For all appropriations have just been cut out of the budget for budding government power lines. This leaves REA co-operatives pretty much out in the cold and the private utilities in a source of the private through the private through the private through the properties of the private through through the private through the private through through the private